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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## A DISCOURAGING OUTLOOK

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS.

SIR,—In the blather of radicalism which has been sweeping over the country for two or three years I am greatly pleased to see you are trying to save the fundamentals of our national Constitution. There may be, and probably will be, a reaction from the wild-eyed "uplifters" and the office holders and seekers; but as an old-fashioned student of our Constitution I am greatly afraid that to catch the selfish and ignorant vote of the country, class legislation, the degradation of the courts, and confiscation of property by taxation will obtain such headway that we will not be as we were. The scramble for the honest taxpayers' vote, and for the organization vote controlled by Gompers and others, is, and has been, fierce for some time past, and the tendency to be "all sails and no anchor" is great.

It is being taught that to labor is a disagreeable necessity, and that conservatism is to be derided, and that the less real character an individual has the more valuable he is to the state. In other words, the "mob" is being deified, and its excited and ignorant members flattered until many think their uncontrolled and selfish passions make them superior to cultured and efficient citizens. Self-respecting, decent, and effective men are certainly under par, with excited reformers, zealous office-seekers, in control of the favor of the press, it looks as if some very dangerous agencies and conditions are being created.

I compliment and praise you for your work, and hope that you will reach members in Congress during the pending anti-trust legislation who will make a brave fight against class legislation and to preserve equality before the law.

H. WHITESIDE.

## THE SOUTH AND THE NEGRO

CHICAGO, ILL.

SIR,—Almost all readers of *Harper's Weekly* are well aware of the fact that President Wilson would probably never have reached his present exalted position had it not been for that excellent publication. A large number of citizens of this country agree with you that some of the Wilson policies are calculated ultimately to place the Republic in a very unfavorable way.

The Mexican affair is manifestly a disgraceful commentary upon our foreign policy. There are other affairs being promoted by the President which are no credit to us, prominent among which is the Bourbon policy now being pursued with reference to the Negro citizen of this country.